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Applicant(s) : L-3 COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY AND
DETECTION SYSTEMS CORPORATION
Title : X-RAY IMAGING TECHNIQUE

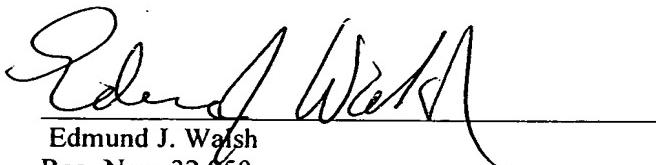
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CHAPTER II

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under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of
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Identification of IPEA	Date of Receipt of DEMAND
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Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference L0632.70016
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Title of Invention X-RAY IMAGING TECHNIQUE		
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1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination **to start on the basis of:**

the international application as originally filed

the description as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed
 as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
 as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination **to be postponed** until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 69.1(d).

4. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination **to start earlier** than the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 69.1(d).

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: . . . English

- which is the language in which the international application was filed.
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| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 5. letter | : | 4 sheets |
| 6. other (specify) | : | sheets |

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WALSH, Edmund J.

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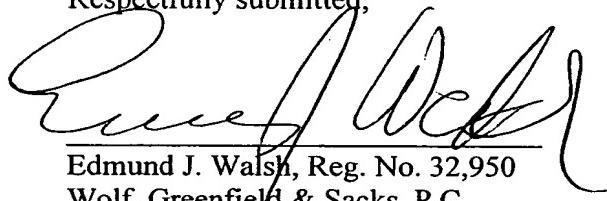
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Transmitted herewith for filing is a Response to Written Opinion with Amendments
Under PCT Article 34(2)(b).

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**RESPONSE TO WRITTEN OPINION
AMENDMENT UNDER PCT ARTICLE 34(2)(b)**

In response to the Written Opinion mailed 08 February 2005 (08.02.2005),
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application by the
International Preliminary Examining Authority in view of the following remarks under
PCT Article 34(2)(b).

REMARKS

In response to the Written Opinion, Applicant would like the Examiner to
consider differences between the references and the claims in making the International
Preliminary Examination report. Applicants draw attention to features in the claims not
shown or suggested in the references.

The Examiner points to passages in the references that refer to pulse height
analysis. However, these passages do not teach or suggest all the recited elements of the
independent claims. For example:

Claim 1 recites

- d) a plurality of channels, each channel having:
 - i) an input connected to an output of a respective radiation detector, and

- ii) an output representative of a number of pulses produced by the respective radiation detector during an interval of time; and
- e) a data processor receiving as inputs the outputs of the plurality of channels, the data processor processing the inputs to determine characteristics of objects within the item.

An analysis based on pulse height does not teach or suggest processing to determine characteristics of objects based on number of pulses, as recited in the claim. Furthermore, the dependent claims add further distinguishing features. For example, claims 13-15 recite scintillating materials that further distinguish the claimed detectors based on construction. Claims, such as 20-21 further distinguish based on recited dimensions. Claims 30-32, 38-39 distinguish based on recited calibration circuitry or software. Timing of measurements is recited in claims such as 4, 35-37, 46-47; Claims 42-45 recite the display of an image based on characteristics derived from the output representative of a number of pulses; Claims 48 recites aggregation of detectors; Claim 52-54 recites aggregating detector outputs based on the height of the object under inspection – all of which further distinguishes over the references.

Claim 61 recites:

- d) a plurality of channels, each channel comprising means for making a plurality of counts of pulses produced by one of the plurality of means for producing, each of the counts representing a number of pulses with an amplitude in a predetermined range; and
- e) means for analyzing the counts of pulses to form a representation of the item.

An analysis based on pulse height does not teach or suggest making a count of pulses and analyzing the counts to form a representation of an item, as recited in the claim. Furthermore, the dependent claims add further distinguishing features. For example, claims 62-63 distinguish based on recited dimensions. Claim 66 distinguishes based on a recited a type of material. Claim 72 recites combining counts of pulses based on an estimated distance; Claims 74-75 recite a calibration means; Claim 76-77 recites a means for reducing the pulse rate; Claim 78 recites a tomographic reconstruction – all of which further distinguishes over the references.

Claim 79 recites:

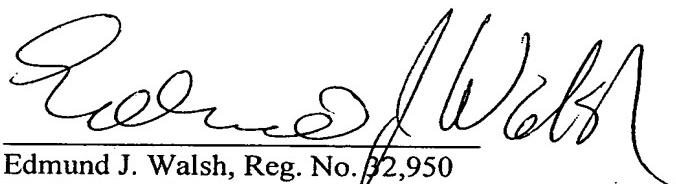
- b) counting pulses with levels representative of at least three energy levels produced by the plurality of detectors;
- c) combining the counts of the pulses into a representation of the item;
- c) analyzing the representation of the item to determine properties of objects within the item based in part on the relative number of counts of each energy level.

An analysis based on pulse height does not teach or suggest counting pulses, combining counts into a representation of an item and then analyzing the representation, as recited in the claim. Furthermore, the dependent claims add further distinguishing features. For example, claim 80 recites further aspects of the representation of the item formed by counting pulses.

Accordingly, the claims provide multiple features that distinguish over the cited references. A favorable International Preliminary Report on Patentability in response is requested.

If for any reason this response does not place the application in condition for issuing a favorable International Preliminary Examination Report as to all claims, Applicant requests issuance of a further Written Opinion and an opportunity to respond thereto prior to issuance of the International Preliminary Examination Report. Should there be insufficient time available for issuance of a further Written Opinion, Applicant requests the IPEA to initiate a telephone interview at Applicant's expense, and an opportunity to file a supplemental response to the previous Written Opinion by return fax, pursuant to PCT Article 34(2).

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